

Newsletter

Monday 6 September 2021

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary

Welcome back everyone !!

I hope that all our parents and children have had a refreshing break and that, whether you were staycating or travelling outside the UK, you managed to find at least a few days when the sun peaked through.

A big welcome to our new teachers-Mr Slater (Yr 5), Miss Barret (Yr 4) and Mr Ocansey (Yr 1). I am confident all of them will prove great assets to our teaching team at St Thomas Becket.

Teacher Information for Parents Friday 24 September 2021

Dear Parents

Each teacher will prepare an online presentation for parents which will be sent out on **Friday 24 September**.

The purpose of the presentation is to set out general class matters relating to the new school year, daily & weekly routines, curriculum matters and some of the special events/ trips which may be taking place.

We hope you will find this to be an informative presentation that answers many of the questions that arise at the outset of the year and helps you to support your children throughout the academic year.

Please note that if you have any specific questions relating to your child, you can still email the school office for attention of your child's class teacher.

Date Correction

Please note the date for Reception ADMISSIONS Information Evening for Reception intake September 2022 is incorrect in the list of **key dates** issued last week.

The correct date for this meeting is:
Thursday 4 November at 7.00pm

ADMISSIONS Information Evening for Reception intake September 2022

There will be a meeting at St Thomas Becket school on **Thursday 4 November at 7.00pm** for those wishing to apply for a place for their child in Reception class starting in September 2022.

Supplementary Information forms will be available at the meeting and from the office thereafter

We will be holding three **Open Mornings** for parents to visit and have a tour of the school on
Thursday 30th September,
Wednesday 13th October and
Thursday 21st October
starting at 9.30am. If you would like to book onto one of these tours please email:
admin@thomasbecket.croydon.sch.uk

(all dates are contingent on Covid-19 regulations)

Job Vacancy

Croydon Area

Harrison Catering Services is currently recruiting for the following positions:

1 x Assistant Cook (ref: ACCR)
25 hours per week, term time only

2 x Relief Catering Assistants
(mobile roles ref: RCACR)
16.25 hours per week, term time only

If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, please contact our Orpington Office on 01689 661 395 or email your CV and covering letter quoting the relevant job reference to martine.palmer@harrisoncatering.co.uk

Secondary Transfer Meeting

Please note that the Secondary Transfer information evening for Year 6 parents will take place on **Thursday 16 September, starting at 7.00pm.** (Becket school hall)

Mobile Phones

A reminder that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter



SPORTS DAYS (delayed from summer 21)

3/4 – Monday 20 Sept (am)

Infants- Monday 20 Sept (pm)

5/6- Tuesday 21 Sept (am)

Parents are invited to attend our sports days this year (subject to any change in Covid regulations) but we would ask that you carry out a Lateral Flow Test on the morning of or evening before you attend.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 October

Individual / Sibling photos



Wednesday 10 November & Thursday 18 November PARENTS' OPEN EVENINGS

1 & 2 December

NATIVITY PLAY FOR PARENTS
(Infants)

Tuesday 14 December

Junior CAROL SERVICE for
parents (Yr 3 and Choir)

READING

The importance we place on READING, has always been paramount at St Thomas Becket.

We recognise that READING is the cornerstone of the curriculum and that the ability to read with confidence enhances our children's life chances.

We asked our classes to develop a READING CHARTER which would encompass what we, as a school, would wish to prioritise, in supporting our children to learn to read.



St Thomas Becket School **Reading Charter**

We love reading! Our children have the right to...

- **Have access to a wide range of books that stimulate their interest and imagination.**
- **Be taught how to read so that they can understand and enjoy books.**
- **Have a choice about the books they would like to read and buy for their classroom.**
- **Be inspired by the books they read.**
- **Choose from a variety of books to take home to read.**
- **Visit their local library and meet real authors and illustrators.**
- **Read books which positively influence their lives.**
- **See themselves reflected in the books they choose.**
- **Have access to books from different cultures.**
- **Have the opportunity to share books with others and talk about them in class.**
- **Have access to new, modern books as well as classic and traditional stories.**